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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mrs. Yolande Bike (Gabon)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 31 August 2001, World Conference Against Racism, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having a composition based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-fifth regular session, namely: Bahamas, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Ireland, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 4 September 2001.

3. Mrs. Yolande Bike (Gabon) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference, dated 3 September 2001, concerning the credentials of representatives of States to the World Conference Against Racism. The representative of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations made a statement relating to the memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference, in which she, inter alia, updated the memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference, indicating those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the World Conference Against Racism, in the form required by

rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the World Conference Against Racism, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 92 States: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States to the World Conference Against Racism had been communicated to the secretariat of the Conference, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Ministries, Embassies or Permanent Missions concerned, by the following 78 States: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

7. Having considered the question of the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee decided to take the same position as was taken at the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.

8. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat of the Conference, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 6 of the present report would be communicated to the secretariat of the Conference as soon as possible.

9. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the World Conference Against Racism of the States referred to in the memorandum of the secretariat of the Conference dated 3 September 2001,

"Accepts, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 7 of the report of the Credentials Committee, the credentials of the representatives of the States concerned."

10. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

11. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the plenary of the World Conference Against Racism the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the World Conference Against Racism.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the plenary of the World Conference Against Racism the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the World Conference Against Racism

World Conference Against Racism,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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